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SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION--GDR SENTENCES OFFENDERS

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1. GDR COURT NOVEMBER 5 METED OUT HARSH PENALTIES RANGING FROM SEVEN TO ELEVEN AND A HALF YEARS IMPRISONMENT TO TWO WEST GERMANS AND ONE WEST BERLINER ACCUSED OF WORKING FOR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING IN EXFILTRATION OF GDR CITIZENS (REFTEL). IN ANNOUNCING SENTENCES, COURT CHARGED EXFILTRATION ORGANIZATIONS SPECIFICALLY WITH A) ENRICHING THEMSELVES THROUGH "CRIMINAL AND UNSCRUPULOUS EXPLOITATION OF DETENTE IN EUROPE"; B) REPEATEDLY VIOLATING DR/FRG TRANSIT AGREEMENT; AND C) BLATANTLY DISREGARDING INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES AND NORMS GOVERNING SOVEREIGNTY OF NUMEROUS

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EUROPEAN STATES.

2. COURT ALSO CLAIMED THAT CERTAIN "STATE ORGANS OF FRG AND BERLIN (WEST)" HAD ENCOURAGED ACTIVITIES OF EXFILTRATION ORGANIZATIONS BUT STOPPED SHORT OF OPENLY ACCUSING FRG GOVERNMENT OR SENAT OF COMPLICITY IN OPERATIONS. COURT STATEMENT MADE NO MENTION OF ALLEGATIONS VOICED DURING TRIAL REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS IN EXFILTRATION ACTIVITIES, BUT NOVEMBER 2 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM WESTERN PRESS REFERRING TO SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

3. HEAVY COVERAGE OF TRIAL BY GDR MEDIA AND SEVERITY OF SENTENCES CLEARLY DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE WOULD-BE OFFENDERS. ANOTHER MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF GDR EXERCISE WAS TO ASSOCIATE FRG AND SENAT WITH VIOLATIONS OF INNER-GERMAN AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS.BORG

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